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Filed:	December 12, 2001	) )
For:	UTILIZATION OF A MULTI-CHARACTER MATERIAL IN A SURFACE COATING OF AN ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT	) ) )
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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action"), please enter the following remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.